

Resolution recognizing Congressman Don Beyer for his steadfast support of labor and worker equality

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WHEREAS the Alexandria Democratic Committee Labor Caucus has chosen to recognize Congressman Don Beyer for being a champion of workers' rights. He is a leader, at both the local and national level, for the working class. He continues to argue for the need to grow unions and empower the working class; and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer actively supported the cause of the Didlake workers, whose employer crushed their union campaign and the employer claims that they should not be able to unionize because they have disabilities¹; and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer has offered critical support to numerous union organizing efforts including that of the DASH bus drivers and the Earth Treks workers; and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer successfully urged Amazon to adopt labor standards and prevailing wages for its construction workforce in Arlington; and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer has spoken out for Fairfax Connector Workers during their strike;² and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer played a key role in obtaining labor standards from Virginia Tech for the construction of the Innovation Campus ³and in adopting collective bargaining rights for Alexandria City workers; and

WHEREAS as head of the Joint Economic Committee in Congress, Congressman Beyer has shined a spotlight on the need for bold measures to fight inequality. For example, he held a hearing on "A Second Gilded Age: How Concentrated Corporate Power Undermines Shared Prosperity";⁴ and

WHEREAS Congressman Beyer has consistently supported letter carriers of the National Association of Letter Carriers and other postal unions⁵;

¹ <https://arlingtondemocrats.org/resolution-supporting-the-rights-of-didlake-workers/>

² <https://beyer.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4661>

³ https://video.vt.edu/media/1_ps9c4wkx

⁴ <https://www.jec.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2021/7/a-second-gilded-age-how-concentrated-corporate-power-undermines-shared-prosperity>

⁵ Letter available from Congressman Beyer to Don Walsh, of NALC 567 Alexandria documenting his support of the NALC

Now, therefore, be it—

Resolved that the Alexandria Democratic Committee publicly recognizes Congressman Beyer for the work that he has done to further the rights of workers across the region and to reduce inequality.